

WOMT Summary for March 16 , 2010

The WOMT Agencies met and discussed the following:

After reaching the concern level of 92 adult Delta Smelt specified in the Biological Opinion, the SWG recommended that OMR flows to be no more negative than -3,000 cfs. The SWG noted that at the present rate of salvage, it is likely that the authorized take level of 123 adult Delta Smelt would be reached within about ten days.

Recognizing the uncertainty regarding the anticipated duration of adult salvage, the apparently favorable distribution of ADULT delta smelt, and the desire to maintain flexibility for water supplies, the FWS has determined that OMR flows be no more negative than -5,000 cfs on a 14-day average (no more negative than -6,250 cfs on a 5-day average), as allowed under the RPA.

DFG did not make any OMR flow recommendation regarding the Longfin Smelt.

DOSS made no change to the previous advice of continuing an OMR flow of no more negative than -5,000 cfs for the protection of salmonids.

Current OMR flow of no more negative than -5,000 cfs is consistent with the NMFS B.O.